

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/650,423

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ross A. Williams

Art Unit

3714

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ross A. Williams.

(3) Michael J. Blankstein.

(2) Robert Pezzuto (SPE).

(4) William Pegg.

Date of Interview: 26 April 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1-11, 16-24, 26-29 and 31.

Identification of prior art discussed: Gauselmann (US 6,884,173), O'Donovan (US 2003/0195031), Hughs-Baird (US 6,468,156).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

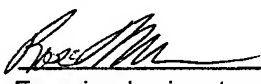
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


ROBERT E. PEZZUTO
SUPERVISORY PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner suggested the change in terminology of "maximum pay line value" to the phrase of "maximum number of pay lines" to clarify independent claims 1 and 16 and further depending claims therefrom. Applicant has proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 7 and 16. The Applicant has proposed amending claims 1 and 16 to specify that the displayed second plurality of maximum payline values (i.e. tentatively to be changed to "maximum number of pay lines" as suggested by the Examiner) is different than the displayed first plurality of maximum pay line values. The Applicant has also proposed amending the claim language to further clarify claim 7 to specify that the displaying of the "second plurality of manufacturer-limited game configurations" are different than the displayed first plurality of different manufactured-limited game configuration values." The proposed amendments to the claims 1, 7 and 16 and subsequent depending claims appear to distinguish over the prior art of record, however further search in view of the amended claim language would be necessary. The Applicant has also tentatively agreed to cancel claims 22 - 24, 26- 29 and 31 without prejudice to further prosecution of the application.